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GAINESWOOD HAS MANY ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES THAT SET IT APART FROM OTHER GREEK REVIVAL HOMES IN ALABAMA. DID YOU KNOW WHITFIELD USED ALL 3 TYPES OF COLUMN CAPITALS IN HIS DESIGN?



CORINTHIAN (TOP LEFT) AND IONIC (MIDDLE LEFT) CAN BE FOUND INSIDE, AND DORIC (BOTTOM LEFT) COLUMN CAPITALS ARE OUTSIDE.



GAINESWOOD

GAINESWOOD NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK WAS CONSTRUCTED OVER AN 18 YEAR PERIOD, 1843-1861. DESIGNED BY OWNER NATHAN BRYAN WHITFIELD, IT WAS BUILT BY ENSLAVED AND FREE ARTISANS. GAINESWOOD WAS ALSO A PLANTATION, ONE OF TWO OWNED BY WHITFIELD.

WHITFIELD CONSULTED DESIGN BOOKS AND WAS INFLUENCED BY BUILDINGS HE VISITED AS HE TRAVELED. HE INCORPORATED VARIOUS DESIGN ELEMENTS INTO HIS UNUSUAL GREEK REVIVAL STYLE HOME.

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